

Snyder's Largest Helps 'Home Folk'

Schuylkill County Favorites of Treasurer Get Funds When Charities Appeal in Vain

\$10,000 FOR INSPECTOR

By GEORGE NON McCAIN Harrisburg, July 14.—In previous dispatches I have noted the singular propitiation of payments by Auditor General Snyder, now State Treasurer, to his lieutenants in his home county of Schuylkill.

The \$10,000 payment for "extra legal services" to John H. Feltz, assistant director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, is only one of a series of such generous largesses.

There is the case of M. P. Quinn whose name appears on the salary roll of Auditor General Snyder. At first his salary was \$8,000 a year. Later on it was increased to \$10,000. Mr. Quinn also hailed from Schuylkill County.

General Fund Shrinks

On December 31 last there was a trifle of something like \$2,000 in the General Fund of the State Treasury.

As frequently pointed out, this is the fund from which the general operating expenses of the State are met.

There should be hundreds of thousands in it instead of the paltry \$2,000.

From all over the State there comes a unanimous wall of outstanding bills for schools and charities, unpaid.

That \$2,000 in bank isn't much toward paying the \$6,000,000 in bills long since due and still unpaid that are piled up in the State Treasury Department.

Mr. Snyder's reported and estimated State income made to the last Legislature was, as previously stated, more than \$20,000,000.

As has been shown previously in these dispatches, Mr. Snyder did not hesitate when Auditor General to juggle with the "various" items of the State.

The fact that certain funds were set aside by law for a certain purpose apparently made no difference to the debauched Auditor General.

How "Earmarks" Were Changed If cash in one particular fund was short, he gaily dipped into another fund, regardless of law or right and took what he needed to pay the bills at hand.

The "various" items of the State, in the hands of Mr. Snyder, are the favorites of his lieutenants in Schuylkill County and the attorney whom he employed so recklessly over the State.

When it came to advancing money for schools, charities or roads he invoked the law that it was impossible to use the appropriation for any other purpose except that specified.

The school district authorities of the State and the guardians of the State wards, of the feeble-minded, the poor and the ill, can figure the problem out for themselves from the data I have furnished.

One of Mr. Snyder's cheerful boasts is that of "I'm the boss." In connection with the \$5,000 check he is quoted as saying:

"If I had it to do over again I would give 'Eddie' Beideman twice the amount I did," or words to that effect.

How About the Attorney General? Did Mr. Snyder consider the Attorney General when he made that statement?

The Attorney General alone has the legal right to name attorneys for the State, to appoint or at least agree to their appointment and to adjudicate their fees.

Besides, did Mr. Snyder forget that Lieutenant Governor Beideman had declared to newspaper reporters that he hadn't received anything but his salary as Lieutenant Governor from the State, when he declared his willingness to give him "twice as much" as he did?

Mr. Snyder's penchant for getting his wires crossed evidently extends beyond the matter of getting his appropriations mized.

There is one great credit that State Treasurer Snyder took to himself when he was Auditor General and these observations are based on the facts of fact and it is that he collected a vast amount of money, more than any of his predecessors, at an outlay of about \$100,000.

The bloom is taken off this peach somewhat when the fact is exposed that the corporation department of the Auditor General's office collected more than \$1,500,000 in delinquent taxes without the assistance of an attorney or the huge expenditure of extra money and the employment of a secret service force.

The present Auditor General, S. S. Lewis, did this while he was corporation clerk in the Auditor General's department under Mr. Snyder.

And it was under Mr. Snyder who was employing attorneys, State Senators and other political baronages and hangers on to do the collecting for him.

ERASMUS WILSON DEAD

Pittsburgh's Newspaper Dean and Civil War Veteran

Pittsburgh, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Erasmus Wilson, dean of Pittsburgh newspapermen, died today in a hospital after an illness of several weeks, age seventy.

Mr. Wilson, who was born in Belmont County, Ohio, served with the Ohio troops in the Civil War. Two years after he was mustered out, he came to Pittsburgh, obtaining employment as a reporter. Thirty-six years ago he became the "Quiet Observer" of the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette and continued in that capacity when the paper was combined with the Pittsburgh Times.

Mr. Wilson was deeply interested in the Boy Scout movement and a president emeritus of the Pittsburgh organization. He also was very well known as a lecturer and historian.

Fire Drives Out Seven Families

Pittsburgh, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Damage estimated at \$80,000 was caused by fire which swept through four buildings, including two residences, in the Hill district here early today.

SLEEPING GIRLS LOSE HAIR, BUT 'BOB' IS STYLE ANYHOW

Some Compensation Even if Mauder Does Steal Locks

State police are looking for the thief who cut the hair of pretty Frances Harper, eighteen years old, and her sister, Helen, fifteen, of Conshohocken. Frances and Helen are disconsolate—yet even the clipping of one's tresses may have its compensations. The sisters have wanted to "bob" their hair for some time, but forbore because of parental objection.

The "clippers" worked Monday night, when the girls were sleeping side by side in their home at 150 Josephine avenue. When they awoke next morning, they found their hair cut and Helen's left a lock of hair on the mantel of a newspaper. It was quite romantic, "Dolly," he pleaded, "forgive, I wanted your hair—your hair. Ask your sister to forgive me."

The sisters cannot determine which of Dolly's admirers to blame. The State police have taken samples of abandoned hair, but have not identified the midnight marauder.

ATTACK ON CIVIL SERVICE ANSWERED BY WOODRUFF

Changes Have Ended Abuses. He Realizes to Fostick Charges

Clinton Bonnes Woodruff this morning took issue with Raymond Fostick, who yesterday criticized the Civil Service Commission.

The denial is the result of a statement made at a City Club luncheon, in which Mr. Fostick characterized the regulations as permitting "more crimes to be committed against the Government in its name than any other agency."

Mr. Woodruff declares the charges are unfounded. He says that the regulations are the result of a new charter which has wiped out many abuses, provided Mr. Fostick is in error, says Mr. Woodruff.

GIRL HELD UP; NAB 2 BOYS

She Balks Robbery and Identifies Suspects at Station

The hood-headiness and daring of Miss Sarah M. Friebe, 250 Harvey street, saved her from being held up in the hands of two young hoodlump artists.

Last evening, at 8:30 o'clock, Miss Friebe was walking through Vernon park, when passing a clump of trees, two young Negroes jumped in front of her.

One of the boys grabbed her handbag and attempted to pull it from her. She screamed and Miss McBride called for help, and the boys fled. The girl hastened to the Germantown police station where she described the boys.

Two boys, Fred and William Leibel and Wagner, looking for the door of the station house, saw two youths standing on the corner of Greene and Haines streets. The officers arrested them and Miss McBride identified them.

They gave their names as Frank Stevens, Armit street, and Joseph Brown, 1000 Locust street. Magistrate Pennekock held Stevens for \$1500 bail. Richards, because of his youth, was sent to the House of Detention.

SPROUL AVOIDS PATRONAGE

"Will Keep My Hands Off, but Candidates Must Be Fit"

Governor Sproul made it clear today he is going to keep his hands off the question of Federal patronage in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ingalls is hopeful that the men may be found alive. He bases his hope on the fact that near where the men were shot, there is a small pile of empty cans was standing, and these may afford shelter to the men.

None of the company officials would venture an opinion as to how long it would take to reach the men. The rescuers are working from three different points in eight-hour shifts and officials said they would continue until the entombed men are found.

HAND-MADE GOWNS GLEAM BRIGHT IN COLOR FOR SPRING

But Women Remain Individual in Taste and Skirts Long and Short Are Shown Among the Incoming Fashions

For once Dame Fashion is stumped. Her victim, the woman of today, is asserting her independence as to the length of skirts.

For a certain period it was considered a fault to have one's skirts trailing the ground with a long, graceful sweep.

And now, in a sudden, these same skirts are one-half the length, which means a long, unlaunched stride, and a fashion man, the skirts are uneven from the waist to the hem.

But the short skirt has outlived them all, and the length today depends on the individual taste, the height and weight of the wearer, and no matter what fashion cries forth about skirts, no one really pays any attention to her.

Two-Piece Frock Popular

The two-piece frock is coming into its own as never before. An occasional sport suit with the cape attached was seen on the ultra modern woman, but very occasionally.

But materials of every kind are being used for the cape dress this season. This frock is made of the new material of the year, crepe, soft, white fabric which falls gracefully into the figure, clinging over so slightly to reveal the slender form of the wearer.

Reds which form a plaid perhaps two-toned, obtaining either by dyeing or by the use of the loom, are just another bit of proof that brilliant colors are very much to the foreground.

Corn flower blues, canary, orange, and a host of pastel shades are being made up into expensive models of surprising simplicity. The sales girl in the shop brings forth a dress from the rack and with a bit of hand made. "Now this dress is entirely handmade."

From the sheers of organza to the heavier homespun, the frocks are hand made. They stretch like fish, hold in place old bits of brilliantly colored fabric.

New Styles Are Shown

In a window of a well-known shop a distinctive something which is unusual, dainty and new this season. A flowered crepe which at first look resembled a piece of soft cretonne.

BEAUTY SPOT ON PROPOSED FAIR SITE



Pennypack Creek Dam, near the lower Rhawn street bridge, one of the natural beauty spots on the site proposed by Tacony for the 1926 fair site

CRAWL TO SAFETY IN WRECKED MINE

Groping in Darkness, Afraid to Light Lamps, Two Scranton Men Reach Surface

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 14.—One body, that of Michael Kelly, a company hand, had been taken from the ill-fated Coal Company at South Scranton early today.

Scores of workmen, hundreds of feet under ground, are groping their way through thousands of tons of debris in the hope of reaching Edgar Hughes, Al Reese and John Barrett, the only employees now unaccounted for, who may still be alive behind the massive cave that took place yesterday.

Patrick Walsh and Anthony Kufnik, laborers, believed among those lost, gave the rescuers a pleasant surprise at midnight, when they crawled their way through old workings and finally reached the point where the rescue gang was at work.

Afraid to light their lamps, fearful that pockets of gas would explode and kill them instantly, Walsh and his companions for hours groped their way through the darkness on their hands and knees.

The men were carrying timbers to their chamber when they were knocked to the floor of the mine by the rail mine which followed the first squeeze. They kept together by using Walsh's belt as a guide rope and sliding along the rails, finally crawling over the rock and debris until they were picked up by the rescuing party.

W. W. Ingalls, president of the coal company, in a statement issued today attributed the squeeze to the small hole which had been left standing by the first company which operated the mine, and which had started to disintegrate because of the huge weight it supported.

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ADMITTS STREET SHOOTING

"Killed Him Because He Slew My Chum," Confession, Says Magistrate

John Pusato, said to live on Hoffman street near Eighteenth, confessed, according to Magistrate O'Connor, at a hearing in the Twentieth-street police station, to having shot and killed Michael Sanzale, of Washington, D. C.

Sanzale's shot last Thursday night in a pistol duel in the street, at Isomberg and Myrtle streets. He died half an hour after being admitted to St. Agnes' hospital, with six bullet wounds in his chest and body.

Pusato, according to the magistrate, declared he had killed Sanzale because the latter had shot and killed Pusato's chum, who is still in the hospital. In his original statement, Sanzale admitted shooting Libre.

Magistrate O'Connor said Pusato admitted he belonged to a street black-and-white organization. The police believe the duel was the outcome of a "Black Hand" feud.

ROBBED EMPLOYER, CHARGE

Detective Says Man Admits Stealing Merchandise From Store

Fred Schuckab, twenty-six, of 2805 Howard street, was held in \$1000 bail this morning before Magistrate Lewis J. Dorn, at the Twentieth-street police station, on a charge of robbing the Park avenue station, charged with the larceny of merchandise amounting to \$1000 from the haberdashery store of Robert G. Jones, 3008 Germantown avenue, where he was employed.

Schuckab was arrested in his home last night by a private detective who says he procured a written confession from the prisoner.

According to the charges, he would go to the rear of the store about closing time and turn on the water faucet, presuming to wash his hands. However, Geoffrey asserts that while the water splashed, Schuckab opened the shutters in the rear to make easy his entrance when he returned at night to rob the store.

TWO BANDITS SHOT

Guest Opens Fire When Six Try to Hold Up Roadhouse

Toledo, O., Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—One bandit was killed and another fatally wounded and captured when six armed men held up W. H. Brown's roadhouse, ten miles south of Toledo, at midnight last night.

The wounded man is Robert McCormick, of Toledo, who, police say, has been arrested several times in connection with street hold-ups here.

The bandits entered the roadhouse through doors on opposite sides of the house. Paul Whiteman, of Toledo, a guest, drew a revolver and fired the bullet killing the foremost of the band.

In the battle which followed, McCormick was wounded and the other four bandits escaped.

A posse of police, deputy sheriffs and citizens was immediately formed, but no traces of the men have been found.

JACK DEMPSEY FIGHTS FIRE

Aided in Battle by Patrolman

Phila. Rooming House Proprietor Aided in Battle by Patrolman. The home of Jack Dempsey was damaged by fire this morning.

Jack Dempsey, with Mrs. Dempsey, conducts a rooming house at 1246 Lombard street. He is not the Jack who defeated Georges Carpentier.

Patrolman Fouche saw smoke coming from the second-story of the house and entered. He was met by the Negro proprietor, who said his name was Jack Dempsey, but that his nature was peaceful.

The two battled out the flames, caused by a spark from an open fireplace. The damage was slight.

BENT OLD MAN HITS BANDIT WITH BRICK

Defies Guns as Two Thugs Back From North Fifth St. Tailor Shop

Two armed robbers were leaving a tailor shop at 819 North Fifth street, after taking \$80 worth of clothing, the tailor's aged father-in-law disregarded the weapons and threw a concrete block at the men. The hold-up occurred last night.

The block, used as a door-check, struck one of the bandits on the leg. He turned about with revolver out-thrust, saw the bent form of the old man, and decided to flee.

Benjamin Wesler, 819 North Fifth street, the tailor, was sewing a garment at 9:30 o'clock, while Samuel Levin, his father-in-law, sat contentedly in a rocker and puffed at his pipe.

Wesler heard an automobile outside the shop and noticed the engine was not shut off. Two men entered and aimed revolvers at Wesler and Levin.

An overcoat, a suit of clothes and an extra pair of trousers were hung along the wall. Levin fled to the rear of the store. They did not touch the cash register, which contained a small sum of money.

After Levin had dared their fire and thrown the concrete block, the robbers leaped into the car, which was driven by a third man. The car was driven rapidly north on Fifth street.

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Meeting Authorized by Treaty

The Parliament met under Clauses 17 and 18 of the Anglo-Irish treaty, which would give to the Southern Irish Parliament elected under the Government of Ireland Act of 1920 the body which would ratify the treaty and take measures for constituting a provisional government.

The Provisional Government of the Irish Free State faces a serious difficulty in the threatened strike of railway men, called for midnight tonight.

President Griffith and his Cabinet discussed the matter at Mansion House yesterday, and there is still hope that it may be averted at the last moment.

The managers of four Dublin roads last night made an offer through Mr. Griffith, which, however, was rejected by the men, that if they remained at work the companies would find employment for three months for all those deemed superfluous to the operation of the roads.

Belfast, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)

Ninety-six Sinn Fein prisoners were released here today. The streets surrounding the prison were strongly guarded by soldiers and police, but there was no public demonstration.

London, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)

Father Dominic, who was spiritual adviser to the late Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, was among the thirty Sinn Fein prisoners released from Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight today.

ASKS B. & L. STATEMENTS

State Issues Call for Reports of 1921 Business

Harrisburg, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—The State Department of Banking today issued a call for statements of 1921 business from all building and loan associations in Pennsylvania.

The statements are to be filed within thirty days. There are approximately 3000 associations in the State.

PERHAPS THE VERY ARTICLE YOU ARE

Looking for is in the For Sale column today. See page 2.—A.P.

IRISH PARLIAMENT RATIFIES TREATY

Provisional Government Is Organized in Absence of De Valera Faction

Dublin, Jan. 14.—The Anglo-Irish treaty creating the Irish Free State was unanimously ratified today by the Parliament of South Ireland. Eamon De Valera and his supporters, who opposed the treaty in the Dail Eirreann, were absent, but the four members from Trinity College attended.

The brief meeting was presided over by William Devorah, (Eliam Reilly) of Cork City, who was placed in nomination by Patrick O'Malley, member for Connemara, with Finian Lynch, of the seconding the nomination.

Among the few privileged spectators was M. Blanche, the French consul. The chairman announced that when the transition period was completed the Irish Free State would be proclaimed, enabling the people to pronounce on a form of constitution and elect representatives to the Parliament of Ireland.

Pierce Beasley, of Kerry, formally moved the resolution approving the treaty. Joseph McBride, of Mayo, brother of Major John McBride, who was executed after the Easter Rising in 1916, seconded the motion. McBride said the treaty was demanded by an overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland and was for the benefit of the country.

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BLUE BLOOD AND MEDALS, BUT CATS WILL BE CATS

Two Persians and an Angora Look for Coal Bin at Armory Show

Blue ribbons and blue blood are all very well—but cats will show. Three prize winners at the cat show in the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, have proved it.

Three prize-winners, a black, a blue Persian and a white Angora were not in their cages when their owners came this morning. The first prize cat, a black, had been in and stolen the three. Then some one proposed a search.

After a half hour's hunt in the basement of the armory, one of the searchers saw a gleaming beneath the stairway. It was the blue Persian.

Then in a corner, visible only by the glitter of its eyes, cowered the big black visitor from New York. The white and blue Angora was found—white no longer, under a pile of lumber. It took seven men nearly an hour to shift the boards and recover the fugitive.

After the women discovered a groundhog which had been in a cage at the show until it escaped several days ago.

ANOTHER SPLENDID HOTEL FOR CHELSEA SECTION

Plans Initiated for Erection of \$4,000,000 Structure

Atlantic City, Jan. 14.—Another beach front hotel is planned for the Chelsea section, according to information in financial circles here. The deal involving one of the largest real estate transactions in the resort in several years is being negotiated by financiers in Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia and this city.

The site selected is the plot of ground fronting on the ocean at California avenue, with a frontage of 350 feet and a depth of 100 feet, or 35,000 feet. The hotel will adjoin the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the exclusive Chelsea section. The price of the ground is said to be in excess of \$2,000,000.

Investment of over \$600,000 for the ground alone. The total investment will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000.

It has been learned that a conference has been called for February 1 in Chicago, at which time the final plans will be consummated.

BANDIT HOLDS UP GIRL; SNATCHES PURSE AND \$75

Miss Bach So Startled She Can't Recall Direction He Flew